

## From the fundraising Committee

Thank you to everyone who has sold their Batons Up tickets. Please get the money in for these by next Friday as the draw is quickly coming up.

On the evening of the draw, Friday 16 August at the Pavilion, there will be a raffle wheel as in the past. If parents or community members have any donations for the wheel it would be much appreciated. Thank you Liz at Vetent for the first donation which is kindly received. Parents please bring along a shared plate of finger food for supper.

### Waitomo Caves School Ski Day Fundraiser

#### Batons up

Batons Up to be held at the Waitomo Rugby Pavilion on Friday 16 August, 6pm onwards. To purchase tickets prior call 878 7534. Raffles, wheel, supper and bar. Driver available.



Cadbury Chocolates – these bars continue to be one of NZ's most successful fundraising products. Time for a treat, and guess what, this is the kid's idea!! So with great products, great prizes and great profits look out for chocolates. They're on their way!

Cross Country Races - We need parental support with the organisation and running of the food stall for both cross country races held in Waitomo. This will be two great opportunities to help fundraising for school projects. Please contact school if you are able to help with the food stall.

#### Thank you

Thank you to Caveworld and Waitomo Adventures for nominating our school in the Fuel for Schools programme. If you can help us out with this programme please go to [www.northfuels.co.nz](http://www.northfuels.co.nz)

### What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

5 August	Kick-Start Classes resume
9 August	Batons Up money to be in
13 August	Board meeting
16 August	Batons Up draw at WRSRC
21 August	Small Schools Cross Country race
23 August	Community Assembly
23 August	Teaching vacancy closes
28 August	COP's Cross Country race

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# Newsletter

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Term Three 2013

Week One – 2 August

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Whanau and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome back to school for Term 3. It's great to see children and parents refreshed after the holiday break. Please gaze over your WCS Year Planner to revise what's coming up during the term. Fortnightly newsletters will confirm dates and times giving as much notice as possible.

We farewell Pirihiima Walters-Anderson who has returned to Ngaruawahia, and we wish her well. Welcome Tzar Downs who turned five in the holidays and joins the Kowhai class.

#### Art Days

The next two Monday's will be Art Day's which will involve working with permanent dyes. Thank you to those who have already purchased the white cotton tops for tie dying as mentioned in the last school newsletter. The Warehouse sell them for \$5 and we have some available at school that are of various sizes. These can be purchased for \$5 each, but be in quick. The t-shirts are needed on Monday 12 August.

While using the dye we will endeavour to work carefully to avoid spills and reduce messes however we would like all children to come to school in old clothes, art shirts, old tops and pants please. It would be very helpful if some buckets could be brought along too.



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## NZPF Conference

During the last week of term I attended the New Zealand Principals Federation Conference held in Hamilton. The conference theme and focus was on innovation. We heard from prominent educators, professionals and leaders from around the world. Inspirational people such as John McKinnon, Viviane Robinson, Sir Ray Avery, James Nottingham, Sir Graham Henry, Mike Hutcheson, Louise Mahler and colleague Judy Dixon addressed the audience. MC, Te Radar, was a brilliant choice, entertaining and joking with the crowd, keeping everyone on their toes. People such as Khoa Do and Marcus Akuhata-Brown come to mind as experienced educators and communicators that support teaching, learning and leadership across the world. Their stories were of experiences that enriched their lives, and the lives of others. Particularly those that had potential, but didn't know how to unlock it. When focusing on addressing the learning and developmental needs of young people, helping them to realise their true potential is such an important aspect in living successful lives.

If you want to follow up on any of the presentations during the course of the conference please visit <http://www.nzpfconference.co.nz/speakers/>

## BMX Champion Nikhil

Nikhil rode in the BMX World Champs Invitation race at the Vector Arena in Auckland during the holiday break. He received one 2<sup>nd</sup> place and two 3<sup>rd</sup> places out of his three races. A fantastic achievement and what a great experience. Congratulations Nikhil, way to go!

## Soccer

Soccer concluded during the first weekend of the holidays. Congratulations to all 41 players this year and thank you coaches Suz, Adrian, Julian and Steve. Special thanks to the Taane-Edwards family for sponsorship of the 'Player of the Season' awards. Congratulations player of the season recipients Paenga Henry-Wi, Henry Murchie, Alex Pitts-Brown, Thomas Verry and Blaze Cameron.

Thank you to those who have paid their subs and already returned their uniforms. Outstanding fees and uniforms, (soccer and hockey) are being collected now.



Also well done to the Waitomo Destroyers for winning their grade and receiving runners-up in the closing day tournament.



### The Destroyers:

Lilly Destroyer, Seth Destroyer, Reuben Destroyer, Alex Destroyer, Zarah Destroyer, Lennox Destroyer, Taylor Destroyer and Mr Destroyer!

## Miniball

Miniball and basketball will start around the third week in August. Several children have expressed an interest in playing this year and so far we have four coaches lined up. Angel and Tiana will coach the Year 1 & 2 team(s), along with Steve and Myke who will coach middle school and senior teams. As soon as information has been received from the Basketball Association I will be sending pink notices home regarding commitment to teams and support from parents. At this stage training for Year 3&4's will be on Wednesday's until 4.00pm, and Year 5 up on Friday's until 4.30pm.

The new miniball/basketball uniforms have arrived and are looking great. These consist of a top and shorts. There are hangi fundraisers in the pipeline to cover the costs of these uniforms. Thank you to the Taane-Edwards family and fundraising committee for committing to this project.

## Kick-Start Classes

These classes resume on Monday. We welcome Cameron Verry and Whitu Barlow with Mum's and Dad's to Kick-Start.

## Small Schools Cross Country

The whole school will be involved in the Small Schools race on Wednesday 21 August. Then champion runners will compete in the COP's race the following week, Wednesday 28 August. This year St Mary's and Otorohanga Primary school children will be joining us. The course venue will be the HTG Hut on Te Anga Road and we will require parents to help transport children on the day of these races.

Children are reminded to be prepared for cross country training every day at school. It is advisable that children bring a spare set of clothing and footwear in case they need to change clothes if they get wet or dirty.